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**The Historical Development of Child-Labor Legislation in the United States.** By Miriam E. Loughran. A doctoral dissertation submitted to the Catholic University of America. Washington, 1921: Privately printed. Pp. 109.

Miss Loughran, under the direction of Rev. Dr. John A. Ryan, has compiled an extremely useful compendium of legislation passed by the various states to regulate child labor. Each state is considered, and its laws codified in chronological order. Aside from a short introduction and conclusion, there is little attempt at analysis, correllation, criticism of existing legislation, or suggestion for further regulatory effort. Certain charts and graphs, which would have aided in summarizing results, were unfortunately not printed, though available in the library archives. An excellent and comprehensive bibliography is included. For students of labor and social legislation, this monograph should prove a valuable reference.

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**College of Mount Saint Vincent—A Famous Convent School.** By Marion J. Brunowe. A new edition with supplementary chapter by Anna C. Browne. New York: P. J. Kennedy & Sons. Pp. ix+205.

Interest in Mother Seton and her foundations has ever been high in American Catholic circles and the possibility of her beatification at Rome in the near future adds to it at present. This volume, a chronicle of her earliest educational work, and one over which she herself presided for a long time, is therefore a timely as well as an interesting addition to the readily available material concerning the history of our American religious communities. It traces the history of Mount Saint Vincent from its first site, in what is now a part of Central Park, New York, through the dark days of Know-nothing riots and persecution to the position of physical and educational eminence which it presents at the present time.

The work of those noble Sisters of Charity who have devoted themselves to the upbuilding of this institution of higher learning is told in a familiar, easy style which would be possible only to so devoted a "daughter of the Mount" as the author, who was the first recording secretary of its alumnae association. Her death prevented her bringing the chronicle down to date, but

as completely has the same spirit animated her collaborator that one is scarcely aware of the change of authorship in the supplementary chapters.

Twelve full-page illustrations of persons and scenes intimately associated with Mount Saint Vincent's add greatly to the appearance value of the book. It is of primary interest to those who call this institution "Alma Mater," but it is worthy of a much wider circle of readers.

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**The Catholic's Work in the World.** By Rev. Joseph Husslein, S. J. New York: Benziger Bros. Pp. 286.

Father Husslein's zeal, ability and expert knowledge of social service problems and kindred things is too well known to need any commendation to Catholic readers, and the fact that he is the author of a book gives it standing. This volume proves no exception to the rule. It is a clear and concise statement of the place of the laity in modern Church life. A common Protestant allegation is that the Catholic Church is "priest-ridden," that there is no place for lay activity and lay initiative, but if one-tenth of the works here suggested to them were carried out in their fulness the charge would fail from sheer absurdity, and the Church would attract favorable attention in many quarters where it either is unknown or at least regarded with a critical disdain.

Father Husslein divides his subject into fifty short chapters. The earlier ones are explanations of the difficulties (or excuses) which are presented, and he shows in brief compass why they are not a legitimate reason for holding back. The subsequent chapters are devoted to outlining various things that the laity can and should do. "How do I represent the Church?" is the question he puts into the layman's mouth, and on the answer that is given to this by the laity depends the effectiveness of the lay apostolate in general.

This is a book suitable for careful perusal and meditation at any time, but it would be especially useful for reading during the time of a layman's retreat, a mission, in the season of Lent, or at any period when one is seeking to deepen his spiritual life and to widen his usefulness in the Church. It can be recommended absolutely without reservation.